



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor(s): Stephen P. DeOrnellas et al.
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MASK FOR CRITICAL
DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

PATENT APPLICATION

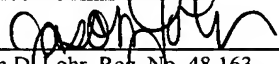
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 22, 2002, a shortened period for response was set to expire on February 22, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including May 22, 2003.

☒ Applicant(s) hereby claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)	Extended Month
_____ \$ 110.00/\$ 55.00	First
_____ \$ 410.00/\$205.00	Second
<u>✓</u> \$ 930.00/\$465.00	Third
_____ \$1,450.00/\$725.00	Fourth
_____ \$1,970.00/\$985.00	Fifth

TOTAL PETITION FEE **\$465.00**

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

_____ A reply to the Office Action was previously filed on _____.

✓ A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.

_____ A reply will be filed subsequently.

_____ A continuation application is filed herewith.

_____ A divisional application is filed herewith.

_____ A continuation-in-part application is filed herewith.

_____ A continued prosecution application is filed herewith.

✓ A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

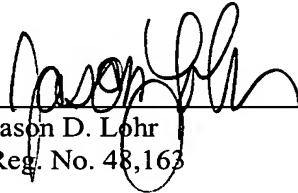
_____ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.

_____ Other: _____.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit
Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 5/29/03

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